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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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TAGS: SOVIET EMBASSY DELHI ATTITUDES ON THE ELECTION

REF: MOSCOW 3913

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF VIEWS HELD BY THE SOVIET  
POLITICAL COUNSELOR ANDREI FIALKOVSKY ON THE OUTCOME OF THE  
INDIAN ELECTION. THEY WERE PASSED TO US THIS MORNING FROM A UK  
HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER WHO SPENT 40 MINUTES WITH FIALKOVSKY  
YESTERDAY, MARCH 24:

2. THERE WILL BE NO MAJOR CHANGE IN INDO-SOVIET POLICY. GOI  
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA WILL IMPROVE SOMEWHAT.  
THERE WILL BE LESS INDIAN EMPHASIS ON GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE  
ARABS. INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS MAY DECLINE BUT ONLY IN DEGREE.  
THIS DECLINE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (A) THE  
ACTIVITY OF INDO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES IN INDIA WILL BE  
REDUCED;  
(B) THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF INDIANS GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION WILL  
BE CURTAILED. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING  
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PERMITS AND PASSPORTS, PARTICULARLY FOR CPI LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN  
IN THE HABIT OF FREQUENTLY VISITING MOSCOW; (C) GOI SUPPORT FOR  
SOVIET POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA WILL BE LESS FORTHCOMING.

3. THE GOI WILL NOT ABROGATE THE INDO-SOVIET TREATY BUT ARTICLE  
NINE CONSULTATIONS WILL DIMINISH OR FALL INTO DISUSE. (OUR  
HIGH COMMISSION CONTACT ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER FIALKOVSKY

MEANT THERE WILL BE NO CONSULTATIONS IF THE SOVIETS INVOKE ARTICLE NINE, OR IF HE MEANT THE NORMAL TWICE-ANNUAL INDO-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS WOULD NO LONGER TAKE PLACE. MEA JOINT SECRETARY DAMODARAN TOLD US LAST MONTH THAT THE GOI THOUGHT THESE MEETINGS WERE ALREADY TOO FREQUENT. FIALKOVSKY COULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ANY FURTHER.)

4. UNLESS THE CPI IS SUPPRESSED INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS WILL NOT DETERIORATE. (FIALKOVSKY REJECTED THE THESIS THAT WITH THE DECLINE OF THE CPI AS A POLITICAL FORCE IN INDIA, A POSSIBLE BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS WAS REMOVED.

5. FIALKOVSKY HIMSELF WAS MOST INTERESTED IN AN APPRAISAL OF DOMESTIC STABILITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ELECTION. HE REPEATEDLY ASKED IF OUR HIGH COMMISSION CONTACT THOUGHT IF THE INDIAN ARMY AND POLICE WOULD BE "USED TO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE". WHEN A NEGATIVE ANSWER WAS GIVEN, AND FIALKOVSKY'S ATTENTION WAS INVITED TO THE OPPRESSION OF THE LAST NINETEEN MONTHS, HE RESPONDED "THAT WAS NOT A FULL- BLOWN OPPRESSION. SHE COULD HAVE DONE MUCH MORE". FIALKOVSKY KEPT ASKING HOW IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN STABILITY WITHOUT USING THE POLICE AND THE ARMY  
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